

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR SHARKS

The Department is considering a change to recreational shark regulations that would require some sharks to be released in a manner that maximizes survivability. Proper handling of released sharks is important as there are many prohibited, undersized, or sharks not kept for consumption in this area. Maximizing survivability would be a complimentary measure to the federal Highly Migratory Species shark rules and would help shark populations. This change would require shore and vessel based anglers to release certain sharks in the water in order to prevent damage that can occur when sharks are removed from water.

Scoped at the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission and Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission meetings in October 2016